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Title: FILTERING FACE MASK THAT HAS A NEW EXHALATION VALVE

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, please amend this application as set forth below. This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted, but if any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested and the necessary fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Amendments

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 6, line 25 after "illustrates a", please insert --front view of--.

On page 6, line 26 after "invention.", insert --viewed in an upright position--.

FIG. 1 illustrates a front view of a filtering face mask 10 according to the present invention viewed in an upright position. Filtering face mask 10 has a cup-shaped mask body 12 to which an exhalation valve 14 is attached. Mask body 12 is provided with an opening (not shown) through which exhaled air can exit without having to pass through the filtration layer. The preferred location of the opening on the mask body 12 is directly in front of where the wearer's mouth would be when the mask is being worn. Exhalation valve 14 is attached to mask body 12 at the location of that opening. With the exception of the location of the exhalation valve 14,

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